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REMARKS

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1. Air activity observed at Jueterbog Altes Lager airfield from 24 March through 16 April 1953 included:

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24 March. No air activity was observed. Maintenance was being done on jet bombers and officers were given instruction in classrooms.

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26 March. [] ground attack planes [] took off several times. A B-25 towing an air sleeve was repeatedly seen over the field. The sleeve target was fired at by AA guns. []
 Il-28s [] and fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks flew some circles over the field.

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30 March. [] ground attack planes made 30-minute flights in flight wedge formation.

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8 April. [] ground attack planes took off from the field headed toward Luckenwalde, Zossen and Wuensdorf, probably for bomb release practices. Groups of nine planes would take off in rapid succession and assemble into one formation. After about 40 minutes one such formation would return and land, after another formation of nine planes had taken off a short time before.¹

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9 April. [] a twin-engine plane towing an air sleeve crossed the field headed toward Luckenwalde and was being fired at by small-caliber AA guns. At the same time, Il-28 No 7 which was flying at a great altitude and which also towed a sleeve target was being fired at by heavy AA guns. Source believed that the AA guns were emplaced in the Forst-Zinna area.²

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10 April. [] MiG-15s repeatedly crossed the field.

14 to 17 April. There was air activity at the field. No details were observed.

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16 April. [] 2 B-25s took off for 30-minute flights.

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- 25X1 2. On 25 March, [REDACTED] a parade at the field. Five columns each consisting of 120 officers and MI and a military band were observed. The officers wore dress uniforms. [REDACTED]
- 25X1 [REDACTED] Soviet officers Kalinogorski (fnu) and Garatshuk (fnu) were assigned to the airfield personnel.³
- 25X1 3. On 8 April, about 40 air force officers arrived at Altes Lager camp. In the following days, they were repeatedly seen walking to the field when flying was conducted there by Il-28 or Uil-28 planes [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Repeatedly a major with white hair was seen among the 40 air force officers who carried map cases but did not wear leather jackets. After 16 April, these officers participated in flying activities. They used the B-25 plane.⁴
4. In mid-April, wide lanes had been staked off from the airfield toward Heinrichsdorfer Forest. Fields located in the western extension of the runway and belonging to farmers at Walterhausen were confiscated. However, the owners still had access to their property. It was rumored that houses at Niedergoersdorf were to be vacated.⁵ [REDACTED] non-routine activities at the field such as clearing up activities and intensive cleaning operations. There was an unusual stir among the airfield personnel.
5. Air activity observed at the field from 3 through 17 April included:
- 3 April. From 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., jet bombers practiced individual take offs. About 11 a.m., 9 jet bombers took off in groups of two, the second group beginning to taxi when the first had become airborne. After flying a circle over the field, the planes assembled into squadron wedge formation at an altitude of 800 meters to 1,000 meters. After about 30 minutes, the planes returned at an altitude of about 1,500 meters and broke formation from the left. After 4 p.m., Il-10s which took off and landed in groups of two made local training flights. Twenty-two Il-28 or Uil-28 planes, 27 single-engine aircraft, 2 high-wing monoplanes and 1 biplane were observed at the field. Night flying was conducted until after 8:30 p.m. The airfield lights were in operation.
- 25X1 13 April. [REDACTED] Il-28s practiced individual take offs.
- 25X1 [REDACTED] groups of two Il-28s took off, assembled into one formation and returned after about 20 minutes. Subsequently, an Il-28 took off and repeatedly crossed the field at an altitude of 4,000 to 5,000 meters being circled by two jet fighters. [REDACTED] individual Il-28 or Uil-28 planes made local training flights. Single-engine planes practiced flying [REDACTED] Weather was scattered until noon and then became cloudy. A total of 22 Il-28 or Uil-28 planes, 24 single-engine aircraft, 2 biplanes, 3 high-wing monoplanes, 1 Li-2, and 2 B-25s were observed at the field.
- 25X1 17 April. [REDACTED] 3 Il-28s took off at intervals of about one minute. The planes returned after 30 to 35 minutes and landed individually. A high-wing monoplane was seen aloft.

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25X1 6. On 3 April [] 5 x 37-mm AA guns at the emplacement east of the runway. No date computer was observed.⁶ In mid-April, the radio installation with one mast previously observed about 1,000 meters east of the runway had been removed. Another radio installation consisting of one mast [] were seen about 1,000 meters east of Danna.

[] 7. On 11 April, Lieutenant Colonel Streltsov (fnu) stated at a conference in Werder that the planned improvement of Jueterbog airfield was not to be executed. The employees of the Bauunion Spree also believed that Jueterbog airfield would not be improved because another airfield was to be enlarged.⁵

[] 8. [] on 20 April, a four-engine plane approached from the north, flew two circles over Jueterbog at an altitude of about 1,000 meters and then again headed north. The plane was fitted with a single-rudder assembly and plump engine stubs.⁷

25X1 1. [] Comment. Jueterbog Altes Lager airfield is still occupied by a ground attack and an air reconnaissance regiment. The ground attack regiment is believed to be equipped with 55 to 60 Il-10s; the air reconnaissance regiment with 22 to 26 Il-28s. On 8 April, Il-10 formations took off from the field for bomb release practices at the Kummersdorf bomb range.

25X1 2. [] Comment. These firing practices involved elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div of the GOFG and the 62d AAA Div (US) of the Third Gds Mech Army.

25X1 3. [] Comment. Kalinogorski, whose rank is unknown, is mess officer of supply unit Tsodvell, while Captain Garatshuk belongs to the OATB of the air reconnaissance regiment.

25X1 4. [] Comment. It is believed that these officers attended a course, because the white-haired officer, Major Kokoshin (fnu), is assigned to the air force technical school at the field.

25X1 5. [] Comment. The intended improvement of Jueterbog Altes Lager airfield was reported previously. []. The information contained in paragraph 7 cannot be verified. Lieutenant Colonel Streltsov is chief of the Projects and Contracts Department in Werder.

25X1 6. [] Comment. The existence of this AAA emplacement was known previously.

25X1 7. [] Comment. The data on this plane are too vague for an exact identification of its type. Reference is made to the four-engine plane which, on 7 April 1953, was observed over Schoenefeld and which was believed to be a P-17. []

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